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**Possible Amendments to the
FY2005 Treasury-Transportation Appropriations Act (H.R. 5025)
Part Two**

The following are potential amendments that might be offered. The bill has come to the floor under an open rule (H.Res. 770), under which new amendments may be offered without notice (although the rule does give priority to those amendments that were pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*). Under the rules of the House, the bill will be read for amendment by paragraph. If your boss is considering offering an amendment, please forward the **text** and talking points to: paul.teller@mail.house.gov.

More information on an amendment summarized in the previous amendments document:

Davis of Florida #2: Prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the amendments made to section 515.560 or 515.561 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to allowable transactions related to travel to Cuba), as published in the Federal Register on June 16, 2004.

According to the amendment sponsor, the regulatory amendments Rep. Davis is addressing have limited family visits to Cuba to one trip every three years for a maximum of 14 days (under a specific license to visit only immediate family). Emergency visits are no longer allowed, nor are any visits to aunts, uncles, and cousins in Cuba. The previous policy allowed Cuban-Americans one trip per year under a general license for an unstated number of days, included a broader definition of family, and allowed emergency visits under a specific license.

Other Possible Amendments:

Lee/ Rangel/ Tubbs-Jones: Prohibits the use of funds to enforce new regulations that affect students who study abroad or seek other educational opportunities in Cuba. According to the amendment sponsor, under the new regulations, students can only participate in exchange programs to Cuba that are organized by the institution in which they are enrolled (i.e. they cannot participate in other school's exchange programs), and the program has to last at least ten weeks.

Kelly/ Oxley/ Frank/ Gutierrez/ Royce/ Maloney: Increases by \$25.5 million funds for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN, which combats terrorist financing and prevents money laundering), decreases the General Services Administration (GSA) Federal

Building Fund for Operations by \$12.75 million (out of \$1.7 billion in the underlying bill), and decreases the GSA Federal Building Fund for Rental Space by \$12.75 million (out of \$3.67 billion in the underlying bill).

Gutierrez/ Paul/ Otter/ Sherman: Prohibits the use of funds to enforce the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's (OCC) "preemption" regulations, which exempt national banks and their operating subsidiaries from numerous state consumer protection laws.

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